

AMENDMENT

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1. In the specification, at page 1 between lines 1 and 2, please insert

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application

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This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/523,619, filed March 13, 2000, said application being hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

2. In the claims, please amend as follows:

- a) Cancel claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 through 21 without prejudice.
b) Cancel claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 without prejudice and rewrite them in the form of claims 22 through 28 as follows:

Sub B1
~~22. An aqueous glittering ink composition comprising a metal coated inorganic pigment, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent and water.~~

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~~23. An aqueous glittering ink composition comprising a metal coated inorganic pigment, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, water and a colorant.~~

24. An aqueous glittering ink composition as set forth in claim 22, wherein the metal coated inorganic pigment is contained in about 0.01 - 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.

Sub B2
~~25. An aqueous glittering ink composition as set forth in claim 22, wherein the metal coated inorganic pigment has a median diameter of about 5 - 100 m.~~